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Thanks

... To the camp parents, your help & support is much appreciated

... To the camp teachers for your efforts above your regular workload many weeks in advance of camp.

... Kathryn Darroch for co-ordinating the BMX school challenge team last weekend.

People of the week

... Our year 3 and 4 campers for great team work and for every goal achieved.

... Ava Perkins who broke the school's Year 5 Girls' High Jump Record this week by a full 2cm .. well done Ava!

... Those children who have been preparing art portfolios for the forthcoming art scholarship.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

21 November Due date for Art Scholarship portfolios

22 November Year 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics

29 November Years 4-6 Interschool Athletics

6 December School Athletics Day

9 December Reports issued

12 December School Prizegiving (pp 13/12)

15 December Final day of 2016 school year (Term 1 start: 1 Feb 2017)

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES - Reminder!!

Please adhere to the rules

... prompt drop off

... stay clear of neighbouring driveways & carpark entry points

... stay clear of the yellow lines.

Looking to 2017

Thank you to those parents who have advised that their children will **not** be at Matarau School next year. This is hugely helpful as we bring our minds to class placements for 2017.

If you know your child(ren) will not be at Matarau School in 2017, and you have not yet advised of this, please leave a message on the answerphone over the weekend. If we have not heard from you by next week, we will assume that your children are remaining next year and will proceed with their placement. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Reminders

... Please keep working on the RESPECT virtue at home.

... Cambridge data is available from Mrs Donaldson on request kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz ... also non-Cambridge data for the same group. Data shows pleasing progress for this cohort of children this year.

... Spelling Bee starts next week .. best of luck to participants.

Prizegiving Cups & Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies won at last year's prize giving urgently now. There are still 4-5 cups outstanding, please help your child remember if you have one at home. Thank you.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea



Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Thursday 8 December.



This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2016. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips.. .. please join us.

If you think you will attend can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

Art Portfolios

... for those entering the art scholarship, portfolios are due on Monday 21 November no later than 3:00pm.



Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

Junior Spelling Bee

... will take place 2:00pm in the school library. Parents welcome!

Year 8 Leaving Books

Each year the Board of Trustees presents each departing Year 8 student with a book voucher to purchase a book as a memento of their time at Matarau School. Could parents please assist their child(ren) to select a suitable book for presentation at our forthcoming prizegiving. Books are due at school by 2nd December.

Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competition (22 Nov)

Children who qualified for this event based on performances at the Poroti event received consent forms this week. Please return late consents Monday. Any questions please to Mrs Donaldson or Mrs Sinclair.

Senior School Permission Slips

Permission slips are due back at school urgently for

- the qualifiers for town athletics (on Tuesday 22nd)
- the Careers Education Trip to Northtec (on Wednesday 23rd) - along with \$7 for the bus
- the EOTC Waka Ama & PaddleBoarding trip (Thurs 1st Dec) - along with \$20

Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

We are currently gathering the data necessary to make good pathway decisions and are keen for parents to have input into this process where they feel they would like to. We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 14 November, and **interested parents are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson on 25 November or at other times by arrangement with Mrs Donaldson.**

Nutbar Fundraiser

Special thanks again to Lisa Ryan for co-ordinating this fundraiser and to all who helped with sales! The money raised has been used to purchase new library books for 2017.



School Contributions

Those who have opted for quarterly payment of their school contribution, or who have outstanding contributions, received a payment request this week. The school contribution is voluntary but enables the school to purchase resources and services which are simply not covered by government funding, and which add significant value to your child's school experience (e.g. additional library books, lower class numbers, learning support, special purpose educational software etc). The board strongly encourages parents to pay their contribution out of fairness to other parents.

Tax Credit on School Donations

IRD have asked us to advise parents that they can apply for a tax credit on school donations. Further information is available on the IRD website.

Camp, Tech & EOTC Fees

Please get these payments to school as soon as possible, or contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. We understand that finances can become a little stretched at times and we are willing to customise payment arrangements to suit.

Home Gardens

Permission slips for judges to visit gardens are due back at school now. All Garden Diaries are due back at school by next Friday - 25th November. If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate in the Home Gardens, please email Mrs Burgin on rburgin@matarau.school.nz to confirm.

Home Garden Judging Criteria ... are as follows ...

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

Term Dates 2017

Term dates for 2017 re as follows ...

Term 1	1 February to 13 April
Term 2	1 May to 7 July
Term 3	24 July to 29 September
Term 4	16 October to ... (Final date to be confirmed)

Class Placements 2017

Teachers are starting to give consideration to class placements for 2017. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. extension, consolidation, areas of special interest or need, close friends/ compatibilities etc) please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course. **Reminder ... if your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know asap.**

Early finish

Please note that school finishes at midday on the final day of school - Thursday 15 December. All buses will run approximately 3 hours early ... please allow some variation on drop off / pick up time due to unpredictable loadings. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at midday please.

Finally

Planning is well under way for next year. We have appointed an outstanding team of teachers and support staff, and the Board has approved funding to further lower teacher / student ratios. We will add at least one new classroom, explore new ways to cater for varied learning styles, expand current interventions where data indicates pockets of underachievement, and our Cambridge and options programmes will be expanded and refined. More to follow.

Regards ... *nga mihi*
Kevin Trehwella, PRINCIPAL

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Community Notices

HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our environment by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

Kamo Swimming Club – 2016/17 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo 4.30pm each Monday & Friday during term time. Club nights also held regularly. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955 or come along to the pool.

Tanekaha Toxin Operation From 1st November there will be a baiting operation in the Tanekaha area – end of Jordan Valley Road where it meets Hukerenui Road & Heaton Road in a loop back to Jordan Valley Road. The toxic bait will be laid from the 15th November & will remain for 3-4 weeks and then removed. Please be aware of this if in the area with animals or children.

Ruatangata Summer Market. Taking place this Saturday at the Ruatangata Hall, 1180 Pipiwai Rd, from 8am to 11am. A fun event that's suitable for the whole family.

Public Health Nurse Message

Changes to the year 8 HPV vaccination schedule in 2017, will now include boys. The vaccine has been improved and now only 2 vaccinations are required. There will be more information available over the coming weeks if you wish to know more please contact your Public Health Nurse 0800 223 358 option # 2

FARMLANDS PET DAY BOOKLETS - cutoff for the booklets into store has been extended until 30th November. Please ask the children to get them into us so that we can judge them and present prizes to them...we have plenty to give out. Thank you to those that have already brought the booklets into the store.. they look great!

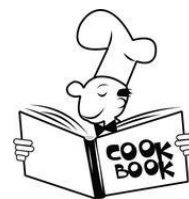
MATARAU SCHOOL COOKBOOK

**Copies of the 2014 recipe book are for sale
– at a heavily discounted price of \$10 each!**

The recipes were donated by family and friends of the school.

*There are over 60 tried & true wonderful recipes
from entrees, salads, mains, cakes & desserts.*

**If you would like one please send
\$10 to school asap to secure your copy.**



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.